



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85351**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McCall called the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. She introduced Paul Ward as the newest Transportation Commissioner.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kelly McCall, Vice Chair
Terry Gruver, Commissioner
William Howard, Commissioner
Howard Sukenic, Commissioner
Paul Ward, Commissioner
Josh Weiss, Commissioner

ABSENT: Donald Maxwell, Commissioner

STAFF: Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering and Operations Director
Annie DeChance, Public Participation and Outreach Manager
Phil Kercher, Principal Traffic Engineer
Lorraine Protocollo, Administrative Secretary
Madeline Clemann, Transit and Parking Manager
Reed Kempton, Principal Transportation Planner
George Williams, Senior Traffic Engineer
Denise Labrecque, ADA Coordinator
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner

1. Review of Regular Meeting Agenda

- Election of Transportation Commission Officers

Ms. O'Connor noted that in January, the Commission decided to carry its slate of officers through the June meeting. The election would be conducted at the beginning of the regular meeting and the transition would take effect immediately.

- Community Area Planning Process

Ms. O'Connor said Planning and Development Services would be asking the Commission to name a representative to each of the active area planning processes. Commissioner Maxwell has expressed an interest in the Airpark area group.

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Update

Ms. O'Connor requested that this item be addressed immediately following the election of officers.

There are two NTMP items on the regular agenda.

1. 89th Street Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP)
2. 122nd Street Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan

- Other Transportation Projects

Following her summary of the regular meeting agenda, Ms. O'Connor reviewed the Commission bylaws on officer elections, and how *Robert's Rules of Order* would apply as a guideline.

Vice Chair McCall requested that the election be delayed in order to provide the Commission with time to discuss the transition outside the meeting. She had presumed as the current Vice Chair, she would move into the Chair position. Commissioner Sukenic questioned whether it was appropriate for the Commission to discuss the issue outside an open meeting. Ms. O'Connor explained that the Commission could defer the vote, but that outside discussions would be a questionable way to proceed. Vice Chair McCall said she would like the opportunity to discuss her performance with the Commissioners individually.

Commissioner Weiss felt it would be more appropriate to have an open discussion during the study session, and hold the formal election during the subsequent regular meeting, than to defer the vote for one-on-one discussions.

Ms. O'Connor noted that the election could be held later in the evening if the Commission chose. She also clarified that the bylaws are silent on the succession of Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair McCall said the one-on-one meetings would allow Commissioners to ask questions of the candidates, privately. Ms. O'Connor responded that the more proper way to do that would be to set up a nominating committee, and have the candidates talk to each of the Commissioners. That process has not been generally used in the past, however.

Commissioner Howard concurred that an outside discussion would run the risk of violating Open Meeting laws.

Commissioner Sukenic requested that the candidates state their case for the positions.

Commissioner Gruver said elections could be sensitive issues. She advised that the Commissioners be honest and kind during the process, and move forward with the task at hand.

Commissioner Howard expressed interest in being Chair. He felt the Transportation Commission should do things that are in line with the community's wishes. Transportation in Scottsdale should be thought of in a systematic way that has measurables associated with it that allow the Commission to make sensitive decisions. He has chaired a number of government commissions and corporate boards. A chair is a regulator and promoter of the progress of a meeting, allowing all to have their say expeditiously. The Transportation Master Plan needs to be implemented as intelligently as possible, using the best possible advice. The Commission does not have the impact that it should have on the City Council. There is a lot of work to be done before the Commission becomes a sought-after source of advice, and he looks forward to doing it as Chair.

Commissioner Weiss expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair McCall said she would be interested in serving as Vice Chair if she was not elected Chair.

In response to Commissioner Sukenic, Ms. O'Connor said each candidate could make a public statement prior to the election.

Commissioner Sukenic felt that long meetings do not serve the public well. Vice Chair McCall responded that on several occasions in the past year, she has chaired meetings that ran a reasonable length of time.

Commissioner Sukenic acknowledged that the number of speakers present often influences the length of meetings, but that speechmaking was more appropriate for the study session. Ms. O'Connor said that the study sessions could be lengthened to accommodate controversial issues.

Vice Chair McCall said being Chair would allow her the opportunity to ask questions last, and broaden the questioning. She could address lower level questions with staff later.

Commissioner Howard felt the Commission had fallen into a less active mode following the completion of the TMP discussions. Many important issues still need to be addressed. The Commission is the primary vehicle to gather public opinion.

Commissioner Weiss said it is important that meetings move smoothly, and that the overall agenda move the Commission forward in its mission. To appropriately advise Council, requires a well set agenda. The Commission will have to address a backlog of NTMP projects. He felt that as Vice Chair he would be effective in that regard.

Ms. O'Connor noted that *Robert's Rules of Order* allows the Chair to rule on points of order, even when standing for office. One option allows all nominations to be completed before balloting takes place in a single vote. An alternate procedure would be to allow balloting for each office, immediately following nominations for that office. The Commission agreed to utilize the latter option with a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair McCall adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A/V Tronics, Inc.

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